



Alabama Woodturners Association

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AWA Newsletter



A member of the American Association of Woodturners

Location: Homewood Senior Center at 816 Oak Grove Road, Homewood, AL 35209

Web Site: www.alabamawoodturners.com

Coming Events

May 9-**Team Challenge**~
Four member teams turn creations from four similar pieces of wood

June 13-**Phil Morris**~
'Advanced Pen Turning Techniques'

July 11-**Mike Zinser**~Off Center/Off Axis Turning with Color

August 8-**Dennis Paullus**~
'Unique Carved Acorn Box'

September 12-**Mark St Leger**~
'Extraordinary Boxes'

October 10-**Jess Walls**~
'Platter with Offset Bowl'

November 14-**Round Robin**

December 12-**Christmas Party/Luncheon**

January 9-TBD

Team 1

Jack Capps
Karl Harper
Maurice Clabaugh
Howard King



Team 2

Dwight Hoststter
Carl Cummins
John Sowell
Volunteer/Draftee



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Notice



How many Christmas ornaments have you made and turned in? As of our May meeting, there are only 230 days until Christmas but, more importantly, 173 days until we decorate the Christmas tree at Children's Hospital!

Do you have a May birthday? If so, and your name is not on the Birthday News page, please see Jean or Amy at the sign in table or email us at clineclan1@gmail.com or leobenfield@gmail.com.



Frank Bowers-April Meeting Demonstrator



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April Turn and Tell

April Participants

- Royal Ritchie**-Ambrosia Maple and Sea Urchin Mushroom Ornaments
- Dwight Hostetter**-Hard Maple Platter
- Howard King**-Hackberry Winged Bowl/Cherry Winged Bowl and Platter
- Maurice Clabaugh**-Cherry Burl Hollow-form Natural Edge Vase/Cherry Burl Blossom-type Natural Edge Bowl
- John Sowell**-Cherry with Turquoise Inlay Bowl/
Privet and Turquoise Inlay Cane
- Will Pate**-Spalted Maple Burl Flower Lidded Box
- Pete Marken**-Baltic Birch Plywood and Peruvian Walnut Segmented Bowl

Upcoming Saturday Afternoon Mentoring Opportunities for 2015

June
Phil Morris-Basic Pen Turning

July
Bill Hubbard-Christmas
Ornaments

August
Dennis Paullus-Acorn Box

September
Mark St. Leger-Special Classes
(More information coming!)

See 'Doc Phil' Fortmeyer to sign
up and for more information.

Saturday Afternoon Mentoring (Starts about 1 hour after the morning session ends or about 1:00)

There will NOT be an afternoon mentoring class following the May meeting because the lathes will be used for the Round Robin session in the morning.

See Page 2 for future mentoring opportunities. AWA owns lathes, chucks and tools necessary to use in classes but you may also bring your own tools. Training is held in the Craft Room at the Homewood Senior Center.

If you are interested in participating either as a student or a mentor, Phil would love to talk to you and sign you up! Phil Fortmeyer-(205) 612-7496.

Phil 'I've never won anything since I've been an AWA member' Fortmeyer, AWA's Mentor-In-Charge, whose birthday was April 6, was the winner of the April birthday door prize. He won a DeWalt 14-piece drill bit set and 34-piece screwdriver bit set thingy (Editor's note: 'Thingy' is a highly technical term used when the co-editor is not sure what to call the screwdriver part).

The May birthday prize is a Workpro 38-piece tool set.



Happy Birthday to AWA's May Flowers!

AWA's twins!

Gary Hales-May 15

Foster Phillips-May 15

Our triplets! (Have you noticed the family resemblance?)

James Files-May 29

Pat Faulkner-May 29

Jean Cline-May 29

And AWA's almost quintuplets!

Will Pate-May 28

Jim Black-May 30

Raffle/ Birthday Gift Door Prize News

The raffle prize for May will be an HTC Adjustable Mobile Base HTC-2000. Ideal for speedily skateboarding across the shop when you're in a hurry!

Do you have an interesting raffle idea or a product you'd like to win? Please see Jean or Amy at the raffle/sign in table.



If you've been to the meetings for the last few months or actually read the newsletter, you've noticed that the AWA has been giving a birthday gift door prize to a turner who has a birthday during the month of that meeting.

Here are the 'rules' for 2015 as they stand now:

- 1) This is a door prize so, yes, you need to be at the meeting to win.
- 2) You need to make sure Jean and/or Amy have your correct birthdate. No fair changing your birthdate in the middle of the year! You're stuck with the one they originally gave you!
- 3) We have prizes for the entire year that we have been numbered. The prize winner for the current month (i.e. May) will draw the prize number for the next month (i.e. June) so Amy and I don't have to bring all of the prizes to all of the meetings. (We sometimes have a hard time just getting us to the meetings!)

President's Challenge-April

April-Spindle work turned +80% with a skew



PARTICIPANTS

HOWARD KING
CARL CUMMINS
LESTER DAW
JACK CAPPS
JOHN SOWELL
LAURA REDER
JEAN CLINE



Welcome to New Member:

Keith Pitman
Sylacauga, AL

President's Challenges For 2015

February-Done!

Something you'd use or find in the kitchen

March-Done!

Worst blowout or break you kept as a reminder

April-Done!

Spindle work turned +80% with a skew

May

Ball-Round as round can be but without using
a jig!

June

Hollow form

July

Turning between centers on 3 or more axis but
no eccentric chuck!

August

Turning from 3 or more pieces glued together

September

Christmas ornament

October

Natural edge bowl (bark or not)

November

Mushrooms



DWIGHT HOSTETTER



PETE MARKEN



ROYAL RITCHIE



HOWARD KING



MAURICE CLABAUGH



BILL HUBBARD



JOHN SOWELL



WILL PATE

April Turn and Tell How'd They Do That?

